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This paper is submitted in response to a May 8, 2001 Office Action ("the Office Action") issued in connection with the captioned application. No fees are believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, if any fees are determined to be due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Winstead Sechrest & Minick Deposit Account No. 23-2426/23946-P001US.

REMARKS

- 1. Status of the Application. All pending claims in the application stand finally rejected. And Appeal Brief ("the Appeal Brief") was submitted on October 3, 2000; a Substitute Appeal Brief ("the Substitute Appeal Brief" was submitted on January 24, 2001.
- 2. Objections to Appeal Brief. According to the Office Action, the Appeal Brief did not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.192(c). In response to these objections, submitted herewith